

REPORTED INCIDENCE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

Objective

By 1990, the annual reported incidence of bacterial meningitis should be reduced to two per 100,000 population.

Explanatory Notes

Reporting criteria for bacterial meningitis changed in 1978, so that data from 1979 through 1987 are similar. Reporting changed again in 1987, so that data for 1988 - 1990 contain H. flu invasive disease. Current U.S. data not available.

Findings

Bacterial meningitis rates have been higher since the addition of H. flu invasive disease, so long-term trends are not applicable.

Related National Year 2000 Objectives

- o Reduce bacterial meningitis to no more than 4.7 cases per 100,000 people.
- o Reduce bacterial meningitis among Alaska Natives to no more than eight cases per 100,000 people.

Data Source

North Carolina: Communicable Disease Section, Division of Epidemiology